

Commissioning and Verification

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Construction

- Construction monitoring
- Validation of design execution

Commissioning

- IEC 62446 to set minimum
- Additional per contract requirements

Capacity Validation

- Short term performance check
- ASTM E2848
- IEC 61724





IEC 62446 Edition 1

- Edition 1 released 2009
- One of highest selling PV standards
- Small system context
- Not a performance standard



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Commissioning





IEC 62446 Edition 2

- Revisions to Edition 1 approved this summer
- Final editing underway
- Full publication anticipated early 2015.
- Additions to address different categories of systems.
- Still not a performance standard



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ntroductory note

This CDV was prepared following discussions at the WG3 meeting in New Delhi. All comments from the previous meeting in Sydney were addressed in the CC report.

IEC 62446, Grid connected photovoltaic systems – Minimum requirements for system documentation, commissioning tests and inspection





Scope of Standard:

- Defines minimal information and documentation required to be handed over to a customer following the installation of a grid connected PV system
- Minimum commissioning tests and inspection criteria
- Minimum documentation to verify safe installation and correct operation
- Can also be used for periodic re-testing
- Grid connected systems only
 - Edition 1: Not including AC modules
 - Edition 2: Including AC modules
- Intended for designers, installers, third parties
- Subsequent use for re-inspection, maintenance, or modifications
- Edition 2: Test regimes differentiated as appropriate for the system
 - Type
 - Scale,
 - Complexity
 - .. and by extension, contract





System Documentation	As-built drawings		
	Data sheets		
	Test data		
Inspections	Design to standards		
	Array sizing		
	Mechanical and electrical components		
	Grounding, protection		
	Labeling and identification		
Testing	Category 1 tests		
	Category 2 tests		
	Other tests		
Verification reports			





IEC 62446 Testing Categories

Category 1 All Systems

- AC circuits to IEC 60364-6
- · Ground continuity
- · Polarity tests
- Combiner box test
- String open circuit voltage
- String current (SC or operating)
- · Functional tests
- Insulation resistance DC

Category 2 Expanded Sequence Category 1 tests plus: String IV curve inspections IR inspections Category 1 tests plus: String IV curve inspections Shade evaluation Additional Tests Optional/Circumstantial Voltage to ground (resistive ground systems) Blocking diode tests Wet insulation tests Shade evaluation Larger systems, systems with stronger contracts

Modified list of tests for systems with module level electronics





Construction Monitoring / Design Execution Verification

Process to validate:

- Appropriate methods
- Portions not visible after construction



